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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT "A" AND FORMAL DRAWINGS
TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith are applicants' Preliminary Amendment "A"; 1 sheet of marked-up, amended drawings; and five (5) sheets of formal drawings. Applicants are submitting Preliminary Amendment "A" and the sheet of marked-up, amended drawings for the purpose of correcting informalities present within applicants' originally filed specification and drawing set, and also to correct a technical error on applicants' Figure 3 which is not related to the novel and inventive portion of applicants' claimed invention.

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The two (2) sets of FIVE (5) pages of FORMAL drawings which accompany the present transmittal letter are to replace the previously submitted informal drawings. Each drawing is labeled on its front with the application serial number, name of the inventor, title of the patent application, attorney docket number, page number, and the name of the contact should there be any questions about the drawings. The Formal Drawings have been labeled "Replacement Sheets". The changes to the informal drawings are with respect to Figure 3 only and are shown on the marked-up copy of Figure 3 which is submitted herewith.

Applicants do not believe that any fee is due in connection with the filing of this Preliminary Amendment "A" and formal drawings. However, in the event an additional fee is due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fee to Deposit Account No. 50-1512 of Shirley L. Church, Sunnyvale, California.

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